



**PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
September 10, 2024**

Watson Government Complex  
Second Floor – Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

**CALL TO ORDER:** David L. Carmichael, Chairman

**INVOCATION  
& PLEDGE:** Colonel Chad Hunton, with the Sheriff's Office

**PRESENT:** David L. Carmichael, Chairman; Keith Dunn, Post I; Sandy Kaecher, Post II; Virginia Galloway, Post III; Dean Schneider, Post IV; Jayson Phillips, County Attorney; Frank Baker, County Manager; Rebecca Merideth, County Clerk

**MINUTES:**  
*1. The August 27, 2024 Work Session Minutes and the August 27, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes were available for review.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**  
Team Paulding: Employee of the Month video, Misty Evans with Animal Control aired for the Commissioners and the audience.

The Board of Commissioners presented to the family of Deputy Brandon Cunningham a Proclamation in remembrance of his dedicated service to Paulding County.

**INVITED GUESTS:** None

**Commissioner Galloway** made a motion to move the “Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items” ahead of Agenda Item No. 2. Seconded by Commissioner Kaecher. Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- Mr. Jay Purvis Re: Opposition to proposed Rock Quarry
- Mr. Neal Borders Re: Opposition to Highway 101 Quarry
- Ms. Gloria Preston Re: Living next to a Rock Quarry
- Mr. Don Scoggins Re: Concerns with a Rock Quarry
- Mr. Ray Perren Re: Zoning on 101 Rock Quarry
- Ms. Sharon Fleisch Re: Opposition to Rock Quarry
- Mr. William Fleisch Re: Opposition to Rock Quarry
- Mr. Jeff Simmons Re: Quarry Impacts
- Ms. Jessica Prendergast Re: Opposition to Quarry on 101 Hwy
- Mr. Steve Adams Re: Opposition to Proposed Quarry Site
- Mr. Ricky Hess Re: Opposition to Proposed Quarry
- Ms. Elizabeth Slappy Re: Opposition to Proposed Rock Quarry
- Ms. Deborah Simmons Re: Opposition to Proposed Rock Quarry
- Ms. Barbara Fields Re: Opposition to Rock Quarry
- Ms. Diane Frank Re: Opposition to Proposed Rock Quarry

**BID AWARDS:**

- 2. Discuss action to award the Mt. Tabor Park Pickleball Courts to the lowest, responsible bidder, International Waste Services, LLC, in the amount of \$397,991.88. Funding for this project will be allocated from SPLOST Funds. The project is located in Post 1.*  
Discussed action to award the Mt. Tabor Park Pickleball Courts to the lowest, responsible bidder, International Waste Services, LLC, in the amount of \$397,991.88. Funding for this project will be allocated from SPLOST Funds. The project is located in Post 1. Michael Justus, Parks and Recreation Director stated he advertised and received bids from five (5) general contractors. The two (2) lowest bids were within a few thousand dollars of each other.

**Commissioner Dunn** asked how long of a duration for construction.

**Mr. Justus** stated once the Notice to Proceed is issued, he would have an answer.

**Chairman Carmichael** asked if the Pickleball Courts area would be separate from the Tennis courts.

**Mr. Justus** stated the Pickleball courts will be built on the pad next to the Tennis courts. There is room for 10 courts with six (6) dedicated to Pickleball.

3. *Discuss action to award the audio/visual project for the new County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Facility to ASW in the amount of \$288,243.00. Funding for the project will be through SPLOST. The project is located in Post 2.*

Discussed action to award the audio/visual project for the new County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Facility to ASW in the amount of \$288,243.00. Funding for the project will be through SPLOST. The project is located in Post 2. Michael Justus, Parks and Recreation Director thanked Jeremiah Fields, Building Maintenance Director, and Frank Baker, County Manager, for their help on this project. He stated they have been working on this project since before occupying the building. After dealing with consultants, a package was developed for the site. He further stated ASW did the original install for the church at the facility. ASW is a State Contract approved vendor.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS:      None**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:      None**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Chairman Carmichael read the following consent agenda items:

4. *Acceptance of the listed streets for perpetual maintenance by the County:*

Presley Farm Phase 2  
Barnwood Drive  
Seven Hills Unit D  
Lullwater Lane  
Lullwater Court

5. *Authorize the Chairman to enter into a Development Agreement with Eric Taylor - Trinity Carpentry Inc, regarding participating in Pine Shadows Drive at Lake Jane Roadway and Drainage Project. The project is located in Post 2.*

6. *Approve to dissolve and eliminate the job description of Building Maintenance Manager and remove it from the Paulding County Job Class Inventory.*

7. *Adopt the Government Buildings job classification for Project Manager.*

8. *Declare the following items listed as surplus, and approve their disposal through auction, trade, or donation:*

Surplus Items		
<u>Department</u>	<u>Item Name</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
DOT	Unit 108D	1FDWW36P14EC25014
Sheriff	Unit	1FM5K8AR2HGD06448

9. *Adopt County Administration job description for Director of Communications.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**      None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

10. *Public Hearing for the abandonment of a portion of County Road #194, Browning Road.*

Chairman Carmichael opened the Public Hearing for the abandonment of a portion of County Road #194, Browning Road. After hearing no comments from citizens, he closed the Public Hearing.

**11. Discuss action to authorize the Chairman to enter into a Development Agreement with Echols Development LLC, in the amount of \$250,134.83, towards improving the Left Turn Storage Length on Poplar Springs Road heading east bound on Macland Road. Funding will be allotted from SPLOST. The project is located in Post 1.**

Discussed action to authorize the Chairman to enter into a Development Agreement with Echols Development LLC, in the amount of \$250,134.83, towards improving the Left Turn Storage Length on Poplar Springs Road heading east bound on Macland Road. Funding will be allotted from SPLOST. The project is located in Post 1. George Jones, Transportation Director stated with the construction on Macland Road, the storage lane on Poplar Springs Road will be reduced to 50 feet. He further stated the plan is to provide a 200 foot dedicated left turn storage lane and a full width widening back to the Echols Farm entrance on Poplar Springs Road which is more than 650 feet.

**Commissioner Dunn** asked if there will be a road closure at the intersection.

**Mr. Jones** stated the developer has requested a 60day closure.

**Commissioner Galloway** asked if Corner Road in Cobb County will be accessible if traveling west.

**Mr. Jones** stated there are accesses on Poplar Springs Road to go around this closure. He further stated the closure has been discussed with the Fire Department and the School System. There will be a sign detour.

**12. Discuss action to adopt Resolution 2024-24 authorizing the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation, for a Grant for Public Transportation assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Laws under Chapter 53 of Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5311.**

Discussed action to adopt Resolution 2024-24 authorizing the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation, for a Grant for Public Transportation assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Laws under Chapter 53 of Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5311. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated this is an annual grant process which provides operational funding for the transit buses. It is a grant with GDOT totaling \$270,000.00 with 50% funded by the Federal Government and 50% funded by the County.

**13. Discuss action to approve the Paulding County Transit Title VI Plan.**

Discussed action to approve the Paulding County Transit Title VI Plan. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated the County is required to evaluate Title VI every three (3) years. Signs will be posted on the buses stating everyone gets fair treatment, no civil rights will be violated, and gives a method of recourse if someone believes their rights have been violated.

**14. Discuss action to authorize the County to participate in a Multi-district Settlement Agreement regarding PFAS Litigation with 3M and Dupont and authorize the Chairman and County Attorney to execute all documentation related thereto.**

Discussed action to authorize the County to participate in a Multi-district Settlement Agreement regarding PFAS Litigation with 3M and Dupont and authorize the Chairman and County Attorney to execute all documentation related thereto. Jayson Phillips, County Attorney stated PFAS are chemicals that are in the process of being cleaned from the water supply at the new reservoir. This is an opportunity to participate in a multi-district class action settlement to receive funding to be used in the effort to clean the water. He further stated this authorizes the County to get involved in the settlement.

**Commissioner Galloway** asked how much it would be to mitigate the PFAS, or do we have a problem with it.

**Mr. Wooten**, Water and Sewer Director stated we use granulated activated carbon which is kept in vessels to run the water through. He further stated the County spends \$250,000.00 per year to regenerate the carbon that goes into the vessels.

**15. Discuss action to approve a Contract with Landscape Workshop in the amount of \$54,392.00 to provide mowing services to County Facilities.**

Discussed action to approve a Contract with Landscape Workshop in the amount of \$54,392.00 to provide mowing services to County Facilities. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated

Landscape Workshop was chosen in the spring to provide the service. At that time, there was no contract. They have now stated they will not provide the service without a contract. She further stated this action will allow the services to be completed.

**Commissioner Dunn** asked what is the duration of the contract.

**Ms. Pollard** stated the contract is for one (1) year with a 60 day termination.

**16. Discuss action to approve the 2024 Budget Amendments.**

Discussed action to approve the 2024 Budget Amendments. Tabitha Pollard, Finance Director stated these are expenses that have rolled over from 2024.

**17. Discuss action to approve the following appointments for the Airport Authority:**

Georgia Senate	Travis Morris
Georgia House	Mark Caffrey
City of Hiram	Mayor Frank Moran
City of Dallas	Mayor James Kelly
BOC Appointment	Sam Hill
BOC Appointment	Trey Studstill
BOC Appointment	David Carmichael
BOC Appointment	Kerry Tidmore
BOC Appointment	Jeff Noles

Discussed action to approve the following appointments for the Airport Authority:

**Chairman Carmichael** stated the appointments are place holders because they are not affective until January 1, 2025 after HB1502 passed in the last Legislative Session.

**Jayson Phillips**, County Attorney stated the current AA Board is made up of six (6) members of the IBA plus three (3) members appointed by the Board of Commissioners which will be in effect through December 31, 2024. On January 1, 2025, HB1502 will take affect. The BOC is required to make its appointments no later than the end of this month.

**CONCLUSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Chairman Carmichael** asked the Commissioners if they had any announcements or comments.

**Frank Baker**, County Manager announced the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Rides for Wishes which benefits Make-A-Wish on October 12, 2024. He further stated we are looking for Sponsors and Riders.

**Chairman Carmichael** asked how the Wish is awarded.

**Mr. Baker** stated the County works hand-in-hand with the Georgia Make-a Wish Foundation. He further stated 100% of the money collected goes to Paulding County children.

**Rebecca Merideth**, County Clerk announced the September 17, 2024 meeting has been cancelled.

**Chairman Carmichael** stated the next meeting would have been the same week as Fall Break with the School System. He further stated today’s agenda was bigger to help compensate for not having the second meeting in September.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION / ADJOURNMENT:** Sandy Kaecher made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Land Acquisition and then to adjourn the meeting from Executive Session, seconded by Virginia Galloway. Voting Yea: Chairman Carmichael, Post I Keith Dunn, Post II Sandy Kaecher, Post III Virginia Galloway, Post IV Dean Schneider

**Chairman Carmichael** stated the meeting would be adjourned from Executive Session.